

Senat Extreme Weather Inquiry

I am a retiree and live in an independent living retirement village in Fitzroy North, Victoria. I have been watching the changes in the weather for the past few years and am honestly frightened of the future as extreme weather continues to get worse. I will not live for more than 20 years but I don't wish to live in a world that we have changed by our thoughtless and avaricious uses of the natural resources. We do not 'own' this world and the world is telling us that we have gone too far and must stop polluting it. The sun and the wind and the oceans can provide us with energy enough for us to live comfortably without any need to dig up coal and uranium or drill for oil on the understanding that we, like all other animals, must live within certain parameters one of which is population. We are already witnessing concern and worry about food security, provision of water, health issues related to extreme weather and loss of property due to floods, fires, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. We must change our way of life in terms of how we build cities, our expectations of how much electricity, water, gas we use, how we grow food, what we eat, how we construct buildings and how we travel from place to place. We must curtail our population as our perceived 'needs' are too much for the world to support. I believe wholeheartedly that climate change has been caused by we humans and that the present world is telling us that enough is enough.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say
Rosalind Ross